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**FEATURE FRIDAY:**

## Disability Resource Center struggles with growing demand

**FIVE SPECIALISTS SERVE ABOUT 600 STUDENTS EACH.**

**By Jessica Giles**  
Alligator Staff Writer

Nestled alone in her cubicle, Marti Stein can fidget all she wants.

During past exams, the UF nutritional sciences junior felt like all eyes were on her as she shifted in her seat, trying to keep her heart from racing.

But tucked away in her own room at the Disability Resource Center in Reid Hall, Stein her heartbeat starts to slow down. There are

no lingering eyes, no professors to keep her from taking bathroom breaks and no time pressure.

“It takes that whole burden off of me,” the 21-year-old said.

Stein is one of the growing number of students who receive accommodations through the DRC. Students with a physical, cognitive, sensory or psychological condition can use the center to help manage their disability, said director Gerardo Altamirano. But as the number of students using the center climbs, the funding hasn't.

Ever since Stein was diagnosed with multiple gastrointestinal conditions her junior

year of high school, sitting uninterrupted for an exam has become difficult.

She has to think about where the nearest restroom is in case of emergency. She thinks about if she'll have enough time to finish her exam. She assumed there were no resources to help.

It wasn't until an intense flare-up and failed calculus midterm her freshman year she was directed to the Disability Resource Center.

During the 2012-13 school year, the center served 1,214 students. This academic year, 3,055 students are registered to receive help from the center. Only one more specialist has been added in the meantime — bringing the

team from four people to five.

In October, the center requested an increase of 4 cents per credit hour to 5.2 cents per credit hour from the local fee committee to hire another staff member, wrote UF spokesperson Margot Winick. The increase would have given the center about \$64,500, Altamirano wrote in an email.

Their request, along with all other requests for fee increases, was denied.

Now, the center is working to meet growing demand with limited resources.

“When there's limited funds, I think that is when we find ourselves in a predicament like

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Aaron Ritter / Alligator

**BOOT THE BRAIDS**

Protesters chant “Boycott Wendy’s” outside Tigert Hall. Groups, including Chispas, Lucha Latina, the Hispanic Student Association and Women’s March, organized the event. See more photos, pg. 3.

## Citrus research delayed two years by baseball stadium construction

**By Elliott Nasby**  
Alligator Staff Writer

Ben Nichols expected to research seedless mandarins for another year. Instead, he'll be forced to wrap up his studies in three months.

The 32-year-old UF horticultural sciences graduate student and other researchers are gathering as much data as they can from the orange, peach, grapefruit, apricot and avocado trees at UF's Horticultural Sciences Fruit and Teaching Orchard off of Hull Road before the bulldozers arrive in the Fall.

“I'm under a time crunch now,” he said.

Almost 1,000 trees will need to be propagated to make room for a new baseball stadium. The process of propagation, which is cloning a plant from its leaf or stem cuttings to re-plant, will delay research by two years, said José Chaparro, a UF associate professor studying fruit tree breeding and genetics.

The trees are used to find commercially viable alternatives to Florida oranges, said Chaparro, who has worked in the more than

13-acre orchard since 2004.

Chaparro said this research is essential for Florida citrus, which is currently at-risk from citrus greening, which has claimed more than \$7.8 billion in revenue since its discovery in 2005, according to UF/IFAS studies.

“We're down to the production levels of the 1940s,” he said.

He said the move to a new plot will result in a net loss of about 6 acres but will all be worth it when UF/IFAS cashes a \$3 million payment from the University Athletic Association for the property. He said the money will go toward relocating the current experiments south of the orchard, rebuilding a greenhouse and modernizing the irrigation system.

“Probably (in) three years, when we look back, we'll think it was all worthwhile,” Chaparro said.

UAA will pay UF/IFAS \$3 million over the next five years to build a \$50 million ballpark, which was approved by the UF Board of Trustees in a meeting last Friday, according to Alligator archives.

The stadium will be built by

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## Today's Weather



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## Local Events / News in Brief

### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

#### Survivors of Sexual Violence Art Exhibit

The Civic Media Center, located at 433 S. Main St., will hold a Survivors of Sexual Violence Art Exhibit from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday. The Alachua County Victim Services and Rape Crisis Center is organizing the fifth annual exhibit in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness. The show will remain open until Thursday.

#### A Dialogue on Black and Latinx History at UF

The Samuel Proctor Oral History Program will hold "A Tale of Two Houses: A Dialogue on Black and Latinx History at UF" at 5:30 p.m. Friday in the Pugh Hall Ocora. This event will focus on the work done by UF students and faculty to have the Institute of Black Culture and the Institute of Hispanic-Latino Culture established. Visit [oral.history.ufl.edu](http://oral.history.ufl.edu) for more information.

#### Passover celebrations

The Lubavitch-Chabad Jewish Student Center, located at 2021 NW Fifth Ave., will celebrate Passover seders at 7:45 p.m. Friday and 8:45 p.m. Saturday. All Jews, regardless of affiliation, religious background or

level of observance, are invited. For more information, to RSVP, or if you have any questions related to Passover, please visit [PassoverUF.com](http://PassoverUF.com) or call Rabbi Goldman at 352-336-5877.

#### First Magnitude beer launch Friday supports butterfly conservation

The Florida Museum of Natural History and First Magnitude Brewing Company will host a fundraiser from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday to support butterfly conservation. As part of the event, First Magnitude, located at 1220 SE Veitch St., will release a specialty beer called "Bartram's Blonde," highlighting the federally endangered Bartram's scrub-hairstreak butterfly. For more information, call 352-273-2022.

#### Libraries closed for Easter

Alachua County Library District will be closed on Easter Sunday. All branches will be closed. Book drops at branches and online services through the Library District's eBranch at [aclib.us](http://aclib.us) will be available. All 12 branch locations and two bookmobiles will resume regular schedules Monday. For more information, visit [aclib.us](http://aclib.us) or call 352-334-3900.

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#### Corrections:

In an article that ran March 26 titled "UF counselor remembered for kindness, saving lives," The Alligator incorrectly stated UF student Livia Ledbetter said Roberta Albers-Seldman was one of the first female counselors. UF soccer coach Becky Burleigh made the statement. The story also incorrectly stated Albers-Seldman started her career at the UAA. Albers-Seldman started her career at the Student Mental Health Services, which merged with UF's Counseling & Wellness Center in 2010.

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# Boot the braids: Students protest Wendy's presence at UF

**Meryl Kornfield**  
Alligator Staff Writer

Protesters walked from the Reitz Union, where the on-campus Wendy's is located, to Tigert Hall on Thursday afternoon. They demanded UF's administration tells the fast food chain to sign onto the Fair Food Program, which works to protect farmers' rights.

Before they marched, speakers told the group of about 20 students Wendy's was not serving the interests of migrant farmers.

Organizer Daphne Fernandez said all workers deserve a living wage.

"Having Wendy's on this campus is an ethical dilemma," she said.

Fernandez said UF President Kent Fuchs should take action soon.

"We are going to pressure Fuchs to remove Wendy's from our campus," she told people at the protest.



Meryl Kornfield / Alligator

Protesters walked to Tigert Hall on Thursday afternoon to demand that the school's administration forces the fast food chain to sign onto the Fair Food Program, which works to protect farmers' rights.



Aaron Ritter / Alligator

Protesters march on Thursday, calling for Wendy's removal from campus. Wendy's is not a member of the Fair Food Program, an international initiative to ensure humane working conditions on participating farms.



Meryl Kornfield / Alligator

A group of about 20 students protest outside Tigert Hall on Thursday afternoon. They said Wendy's was not serving the interests of migrant farmers.

# COMPASS updates UF's websites

By Amanda Rosa

Alligator Staff Writer

Natalie Leon had never heard of COMPASS until she opened her UF email Wednesday night. Although it caught her eye for a second, the 22-year-old scrolled passed it.

Leon, a UF English senior, said she didn't know the Campus-wide Modernization Program to Advance Student Services, or COMPASS, manages the academic data of every UF student.

The program is a series of projects over three years to modernize UF's information processes and portals, said Associate Vice President Tammy Aagard.

UF initiated the program in 2015 to make student and faculty portals user-friendly and integrate data systems throughout the university's offices and colleges, said Debra Amirin, a program management leader.

"Adjustments will be made. It's like when you get a new phone," she said. "It takes a little while to figure out the new phone from the old

phone."

Here are five things to know about COMPASS before the final updates are rolled out in August:

1. COMPASS has updated the One. UF and my.ufl.edu portals to allow students to check their degree audit, view their unofficial transcript and register for classes online without visiting an academic office, Amirin said.

2. COMPASS created Gator360, UF's data management system that connects different offices. The program makes student interactions with university offices readily available to advisers to efficiently address student issues, Amirin said.

3. COMPASS is a factor in UF's goal to become a top-five public university, said Aagard. She said timely graduation plays a role in university ranking, and the program allows students to focus on their education rather than worry about how to track course requirements.

4. UF computer engineering students offered feedback as students who use the services. They also collaborated with COMPASS to design portal updates, Aagard said.

5. The program plans to reach out to UF alumni and implement a One. UF feature for students who consider changing majors. Amirin said in May, the Degree What-if feature will be added, which will allow students to view which course requirements are needed to switch majors.

Leon said the What-if feature would have come in handy when she changed her major three times before deciding on English. Although she won't get to use all of COMPASS' features, Leon said she is happy for incoming freshmen who won't have to go through what she did.

"I think it'll make their lives a lot easier," she said. "You wouldn't have to jump through as many hoops as I did."

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# Police investigate after woman shot in leg

GPD WILL INCREASE PATROLS IN THE AREA.

By Robert Lewis

Alligator Staff Writer

Gainesville Police are looking for a shooter after officers found a woman shot in the leg at about midnight Wednesday at an East Gainesville apartment complex.

Police officers in the area at Martin Luther King Jr. Multi-purpose Center heard four or five shots fired from Gardenia Garden Apartments, located at 1727 NE Eighth Ave. about a mile away, GPD spokesperson Officer Ben Tobias wrote in an email. Police received a 911 call seconds later, advising that a woman had been shot in the leg.

Officers responded to the apartment complex and found a woman with a gunshot wound to her lower leg. Police gave her

first aid until the area was safe for paramedics to treat her, Tobias said. Tobias didn't provide the condition, as of press time.

After searching the area, police found a bullet had gone through a bedroom window of a nearby apartment but did not hit the woman or her infant son inside, Tobias said. A bullet hole was found in an exterior column of the apartment building near another apartment, Tobias said.

"Witnesses could not provide any suspect information at this time," Tobias said.

Tobias said while the shooting investigation continues, patrols in the area will increase.

Authorities are asking anyone with information to contact GPD at 352-393-7670 or CrimeStoppers at 352-372-STOP.

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# UF reimburses Alachua County \$67,000 for Spencer event

By Romy Ellenbogen

Alligator Staff Writer

After accidentally sending Alachua County an incorrect payment for Richard Spencer's event, UF has reimbursed the county with a \$67,461.11 check.

UF spokesperson Margot Winick said the updated payment covers the cost of food and lodging for law enforcement officers incurred by the county. Law enforcement officers from 62 agencies assisted, Winick said.

Alachua County Sheriff's Office

and UF have a mutual aid agreement in which the two agree to share law enforcement officers in certain cases, but it does not require payment for those support services. Winick said UF wanted to compensate the county.

"We believe it's fair to reimburse the county for food and lodging cost that is incurred," Winick said.

In a February letter to Lee Pinkson, the chair of the board of County Commissioners, UF President Kent Fuchs wrote the event was not UF-sponsored, but they had to provide space. He said despite the mutual aid

agreement specifying costs would be handled by each responding agency, UF would pay for food and lodging.

"We have built a very solid relationship between UF and local law enforcement and work very well together to keep our community safe," Fuchs said. "We hope that this mutual cooperation and coordination will continue."

Winick said the updated check was sent in February. In January, UF accidentally paid the county's full invoice of \$302,184 due to an "internal miscommunication," according to Alligator archives. The

county gave the money back to UF at the university's request.

Mark Sexton, an Alachua County spokesperson, said the county does not plan to ask for more money than UF sent.

He said UF determined the cost by reviewing the county's request and the requests of other agencies that assisted during the Spencer event. Fuchs and Chief Operating Officer Charlie Lane met with county manager Michele Lieberman after the accidental payment, but Sexton said the meeting was not a negotiation.

The county reimbursed the sheriff's office for the about \$300,000 associated with the event, Sexton said, which is then what it requested from UF.

"It was a learning experience for everyone involved," Sexton said. "If we are faced with a similar event in the future, we'll all know much better how to handle it and how to have better conversation about expenses."

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# Man walks an hour away from a hit-and-run crash

By Robert Lewis

Alligator Staff Writer

A Gainesville man was charged with crashing into a motorcyclist, who is not expected to survive his injuries, and walking away from the wreck, Gainesville Police said.

Daniel Granados-Altamirano, 35, ran a stop sign turning on Southwest 24th Avenue from Southwest 19th Court on Wednesday, forcing 40-year-old motorcyclist Benjamin Glazer, of



Granados-Altamirano

Gainesville, to crash into the front of the car's driver's side at about 10:30 p.m., GPD spokesperson Officer Ben Tobias wrote in an email.

Glazer was thrown from the motorcycle, which was destroyed in the crash and kept by police as evidence,

and taken to UF Health Shands Hospital for life-threatening injuries. He is not expected to survive, Tobias said.

Granados-Altamirano's car was too damaged to drive after the crash. He got out of the car and left the scene on foot, according to the report. He walked to his apartment, which is about an hour away on foot.

Police found Granados-Altamirano in his apartment at about 2 a.m., according to the report. He told officers he was involved in the crash and had left the scene because he was afraid his immigration status would be revoked.

Granados-Altamirano was arrested for leaving the scene of a crash that caused serious injuries.

He was taken to the Alachua County Jail where he remains, as of press time, awaiting an appearance before a judge to determine bond.

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## PLAZA THRIFT SHOPPING

From left: UF students Grace Gibson, a 21-year-old environmental science and political science junior, and Veronica Baez, an 18-year-old biology freshman, stand in front of a mat full of used clothes at the Clothing Swap on the Plaza of the Americas on Thursday afternoon. Gibson said the UF EcoReps hosted this event to raise awareness about the environmental impacts of clothing and remind people about local thrift stores.

# Four middle school girls explore STEM programs at UF

By Kayla Bain

Alligator Contributing Writer

Sasha Brown hunched over a petri dish, poking gelatin with a metal stick alongside three other middle schoolers.

"I want to be a chemist when I grow up," Brown said. "I don't know what in chemistry, but something to do with chemistry."

Brown, a 12-year-old seventh grader from Howard Bishop Middle School, was one of four girls who attended the UF Women in Science and Engineering's fifth-annual Girlz Science Spring Camp. The weeklong camp lets sixth- and seventh-grade girls experience different elements of science, mathematics, technology and engineering, said May Mansy, a

UF biomedical engineering doctoral student.

A maximum of 15 girls can attend the \$50 five-day camp, Mansy said.

Mansy said the camp makes concepts easier to understand by breaking them down step-by-step. For their experiment Tuesday, the girls made models of the brain by mixing agar, which is a substance similar to Jell-O.

The organization aims to expose girls to different areas of STEM and introduce them to other female scientists, Mansy said.

"We are trying to show them that we are there in the field and there are other people like you who can do it," Mansy said.

This year, the lessons are more in-depth and explore fields like bio-

medical, electrical, chemical and computer engineering, Mansy said.

Khushi Patel, an 11-year-old Lincoln Middle School sixth grader, said it was her first year attending the camp, and she is excited for the food sciences experiment scheduled for Friday.

"I am really interested in science, and I really like this camp because we get hands-on experiences," Patel said.

Throughout the week, the girls will use a machine to hear their heartbeat and listen to their brain waves, said Sarah Rowlinson, a UF biomedical engineering professor.

"I remember when I was a little girl at a science camp, and that really changed things for me," Rowlinson said.



Kayla Bain / Alligator

Sasha Brown, 12; Alana Keller, 11; Maggie Klein, 12; and Khushi Patel, 11, are middle school girls learning about brain phantoms, which are a material that have specific characteristics to the brain tissue.

## Florida school shooting suspect gets 'piles' of fan letters, photos

By The Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Nikolas Cruz, the suspect in the Florida high school shooting that killed 17, is getting letters of support in jail, including fan mail and pictures of scantily-clad women, in addition to hundreds of dollars in contributions to his commissary account.

The South Florida Sun-Sentinel obtained copies of letters, including one from a woman who called Cruz "beautiful" and others with suggestive photos.

Cruz, who is on suicide watch, has not seen any of the letters, which are opened by the jail.

On March 15, a teenager sent a letter from Texas in an envelope with happy faces and hearts.

"I'm 18-years-old. I'm a senior in high school. When I saw your picture on the television, something attracted me to you," the letter stated. "Your eyes are beautiful and the freckles on your face make you so

handsome."

Another letter told Cruz to "hang in there and keep your head up," and another mailed six days after the shooting said "I reserve the right to care about you, Nikolas!"

Public defender Howard Finkelstein, Cruz's lawyer, told the newspaper his client has indeed received "piles of letters."

In addition, \$800 has been deposited into a commissary account, which can be used by inmates to buy snacks, radios and personal hygiene products.

"In my 40 years as public defender, I've never seen this many letters to a defendant," Finkelstein said.

Finkelstein said they have read a "few religious ones to him" but will not read him any fan letters or share any photographs.

"The letters shake me up because they are written by regular, everyday teenage girls from across the nation," he said.

## UF gives prizes to students for using ecofriendly bottles

By Cheyanne Durham

Alligator Contributing Writer

In an effort to encourage students to use reusable water bottles, UF is offering free T-shirts and paddleboard rentals.

UF's Office of Sustainability and RecSports started a semesterlong promotion for Cupanion, a company that focuses on promoting the use of reusable products. By putting stickers with a scannable barcode on their bottles and scanning the code using the Cupanion Rewards app every time they fill their bottles, students can earn points toward winning prizes, said Allison Vitt, the outreach and communications coordinator for the Office of Sustainability.

"This came out of a goal to emphasize reuse on campus, especially to incentivize students to avoid using single-use plastic bottles," Vitt said.

Students earn one point with each refill. Every time they hit 250 points, they're automatically entered in a monthly prize drawing. Stickers can be picked up at sta-

tions outside Southwest Recreation Center, located at 3150 Hull Road.

The Cupanion app tracks refills and lets users know the equivalent number of single-use cups saved. It also shows how many more points are needed for the next prize entry.

Incentives in February included a three-day paddleboard rental and free small-group fitness classes, said Tiffani Stephenson, the coordinator for marketing and assessment at RecSports. A few sustainable UF prize packs including T-shirts, buttons and bandanas were up for grabs in March, and the prize for April has yet to be announced.

"We are giving students another opportunity to live in motion with us," Stephenson said.

Isabella Keiser, 19, said students who use reusable water bottles would be interested in the active prizes.

"I use my bottle every day anyway, so it would make sense to win prizes," the UF psychology freshman said.



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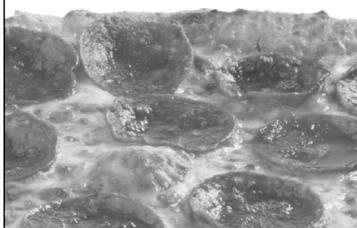
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## Editorial

As you drown in stress and scramble to finish a paper you should have started a month ago, you become eternally grateful for the large sum of Easter candy your mom sent you in a care package earlier this week. It's chocolate bunnies and jelly beans galore: It's absolutely everything your stressed out self is craving.

About five Reese's Eggs later, you start cracking open the plastic eggs she put in the package. Most of them are filled with more sugary goodness — Starburst, Hershey's chocolate, Skittles.

One egg, however, is unique. It instead has a note hidden inside. You unfold the paper, expecting a sappy letter about how much your family misses you. Much to your surprise, the paper reads ...

## Darts & Laurels

Laura Ingraham, a Fox News host, attacked David Hogg, a survivor of the high school shooting in Parkland and a March For Our Lives organizer, in a tweet Wednesday. Sharing a The Daily Wire article about Hogg getting rejected from four colleges, Ingraham accused Hogg of whining about it.

Shortly after, four companies — TripAdvisor, Wayfair, Nestle and Nutrish — said they would pull their advertising from Ingraham's show. The scandal caused Ingraham to publicly apologize "for any upset or hurt my tweet caused (Hogg) or any of the brave victims of Parkland." She also invited the 17-year-old to appear on her show, according to The New York Times.

Although we appreciate her apology, we are disappointed it only came after she was under fire. As a TripAdvisor spokesperson put it, Americans should be able to disagree on and exchange ideas in a peaceful manner. For this, we award our first **laurel** of the week to the **four companies** that forced Ingraham to backtrack on her rude comments. More corporations should recognize the economic power they hold and use it to make our society kinder.

On Thursday, U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said as tensions rise between the U.S. and Russia, the world is approaching a situation similar to that of the Cold War. He told the Associated Press reporters Thursday he is "very concerned."

The statement, which is one many have dreaded over for the past several years as they watched pressures intensify, comes after the United Kingdom accused Russia of using a nerve agent to poison former Russian double agent Sergei Skripal and his daughter March 4. As a result, Russia expelled more than 150 diplomats, including 60 Americans, in retaliation to the Western action. U.S. State Department spokesperson Heather Nauert called Russia's actions "regrettable" and "unwarranted."

Whether Guterres' warning will materialize is yet to be determined. Nevertheless, we award our first **dart** of the week to **world leaders**, especially our own, for allowing their disagreements to reach tensions of such a threatening level again. Have we learned nothing from the past?

Last week, we ran a letter to the editor submitted by UF basketball player Chris Chiozza's grandmother. Mary "Bunny" Chiozza wrote a short piece thanking the UF community for the "excellent education" her grandson received. It was perhaps one of the most heartwarming letters The Alligator has received, and for that, we would like to give a **laurel** to **Mary Chiozza**, for sharing your kind words with our readers and the Gainesville community.

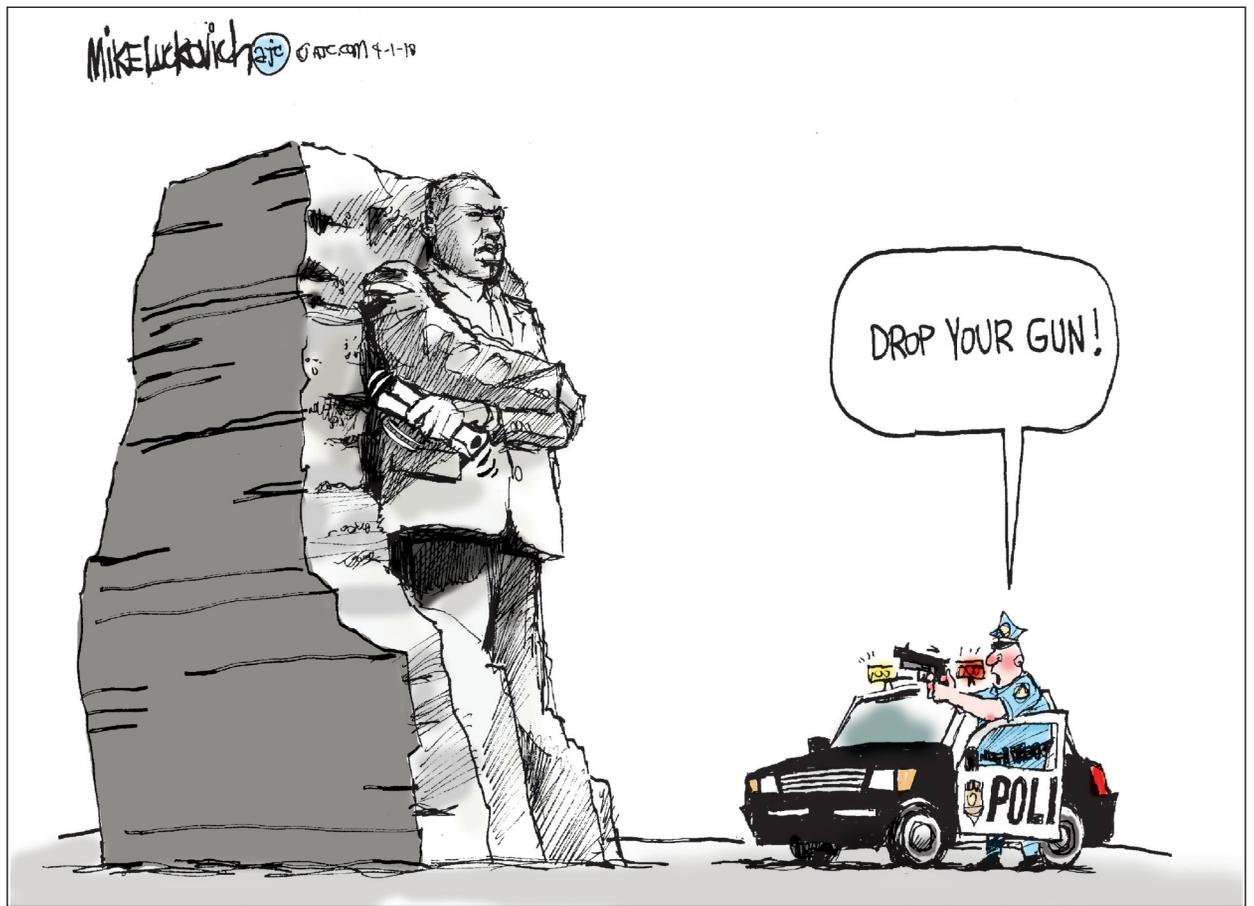
Last Friday night, President Donald Trump released two documents outlining the administration's plans to ban transgender troops in the military. The administration has touted this new plan as more open than the previous proposed ban, which would have disallowed any transgender person from serving.

NBC reported the new report states "nothing in this policy precludes service by transgender persons who do not have a history or diagnosis of gender dysphoria and are willing and able to meet all standards that apply to their biological sex."

This new plan, however, is just as bigoted and closed minded as the first. As such, we award our last **dart** to **Trump**.

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## Column

### The NFL has work to do before it goes overseas

**T**his upcoming August, English soccer club Tottenham Hotspur will open its massive new stadium. But what makes the new 64,000-seat facility noteworthy is the large fingerprint left on it by the NFL.

Unlike most soccer stadiums, this new venue will have locker rooms designed for American football games, as well as a retractable football field underneath the soccer pitch. The NFL's \$13.3 million contribution to this overseas stadium is a major move in the league's mission toward international play.

Since 2007, the NFL has played some regular season games in London. However, the recent spike in investments and general interest in the international series are signs the NFL is determined and committed to having the NFL expand abroad. The idea of there being international franchises and weekly games played overseas is no longer a dream but instead a real possibility.

The idea is wonderful, but some serious challenges are facing the NFL's lofty dreams of expansion.

The first is that of logistics. Travel and the extra preparation of playing a game abroad (that likely cuts into a team's regular season routine) will frustrate many players and coaches. Right now, current players often complain about having to play a game in England, and it makes sense. Being a professional athlete and playing football at the highest level are not easy tasks. Introduce jetlag and the chaos/stress of traveling into that and the already physically demanding sport becomes miserable.

To accommodate the players, wonky scheduling and logistics of an overseas game, the NFL would need to have a more flexible and considerate game schedule, possibly using their Thursday or Monday night slot for overseas games. That way, teams playing overseas could at least have the reward of a slightly longer break between games. Another option is to give any team playing overseas a bye week following the game.

Another concern is viewership, with the existence of time zones being the NFL's archnemesis. If you live in San



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Francisco and want to watch a traditional 1 p.m. kickoff in London, you're going to have to get up at 5 a.m. PST, and a 6 p.m. kickoff in London is 10 a.m. PST. Now go the other way. If you live in London and want to watch a game starting in Seattle at 1 a.m. PST, it will be 9 p.m. for you. What about an 8:30 p.m. prime time Sunday night game? Forget about it. Nobody in England is staying up until the early hours of Monday morning to watch a game.

What is the solution then? Well, last season the NFL had a deal with Twitter where they made their Thursday night games streamable online, and it was awesome. If you want to maintain interest abroad, you're going to have to make the games themselves easy to watch online and available at different times, such as the next day.

A final concern is acquiring and keeping fans. Fans abroad lack the history and emotional connection that comes with having a team in your city for decades, the bond many form when growing up with a team, through the ups and downs. It is this loyalty and deeper connection that keeps people coming to Cleveland Browns games, despite an atrocious last decade of performance. It's what gets Buffalo Bills fans into the stadium in December when it's a slushy and gray 20 degrees and the snow is coming down sideways.

The solution? The NFL will have to focus on the entertainment aspect of the game. With many of the procedures and rules of the game being up for debate, the league should take this chance to speed up the pace of play and make the game more engaging, instead of a four-hour tractor pull. Make the games interesting, and fans will come back.

The idea of the NFL becoming an international league is now even closer to becoming a reality. The thought of an overseas franchise is awesome. However, there are still a variety of hurdles the league must successfully overcome if it wants to see its audacious plans achieved.

*Andrew Hall is a UF management senior. His column focuses on entertainment.*

*The views expressed here are not necessarily those of The Alligator.*

## Column

# Student Government executive branch applications close Wednesday: Here are some positions you can apply for

The executive branch is the bee's knees when it comes to running Student Government programming and getting things done. Now that there is a new SG administration coming in soon, applications are open for agency heads, cabinet directorships and executive secretaries. Judicial branch positions are open as well (the judicial branch officials are picked by the executive branch).

So what are all these positions?

As stated on the SG website, "Agencies are government bodies that specialize in particular student needs on campus and within student government." You can see agencies in action when agencies such as Accent bring in speakers for us to see or when Chomp the Vote has voter registration drives.

You can see the full list of agencies on SG's website under "agencies." Each agency has a head, and those are the positions currently open that you can apply for. Looking at some of the successful agency head applications from last year, I can see the successful ones had multiple pages of proposals, goals and even charts detailing the applicant's proposed structure for the agency. Previous experience with the agency would likely help, as there are likely applicants who have already served their time in staff or vice-chair positions, but if you think you can manage something impressive, you should give it a shot.

Complementing agencies are cabinets. Together, agencies and cabinets are the bread and butter of SG programming. There are 18 different cabinets under three divisions with respective cabinet directors and division chairs, and you can apply for both. A full list of cabinets can also be found on SG's website under "cabinet."

The Student Body benefits from cabinets in a number of ways. These people are responsible for Disability Affairs, Finance and Affordability, LGBTQ Affairs and Women's Affairs. Internally, these entities are supposed to do a lot of work in the communities they represent.



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Externally, the work of the different cabinets can easily be seen in the one-day fairs we see every so often, such as the recent SG housing fair.

Finally, there are executive secretaries within the executive branch. These 13 officials serve as liaisons between the Student Body president and different aspects of campus. In truth, these are not significantly different from the cabinet, but nonetheless are distinct and important.

Again, these positions are available on SG's website, but a couple examples include Academic Affairs, Campus Safety, Legal Affairs and Technology Secretary. Though each role is pretty specialized, it generally involves working with a corresponding university department or entity, advocating for students' needs and making sure the president is up to date.

Outside the executive branch are the supervisor of elections and the Supreme Court. These roles are pretty unsurprising and mostly match their real-world counterparts. The supervisor of elections runs the elections, and the Supreme Court, which you can apply to if you're in the Levin College of Law, rules and issues opinions on our law and SG constitution.

A little bird told me Student Body President-elect Ian Green will be writing his own column promoting applications so I'll hold off on trying to say too much about what specifically happens in the application process and what he may be looking for.

What I will recommend, however, is that if you feel well-qualified for a particular position, give it a shot. Even if you don't get the position this time around, once all the agency and cabinet heads are chosen, these newly appointed officers will need to choose their new staff members, and applications will likely be released for positions like vice-chairs and general staff positions. It isn't over until it's over.

Questions, comments or concerns? Email me at [zchou@ufl.edu](mailto:zchou@ufl.edu).

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## UWire

# Debunking banned books in the U.S.

There's something about the books we chose to read throughout our childhoods and those we were forced to read in high school English classes that stay with us in odd ways.

We often recognize the titles when they come up in conversations or when they are featured on banned book lists. The University of Utah is home to a large number of banned books and participates in Banned Book Week to raise awareness of banned books and to celebrate the freedom we have to read. From childhood favorites to prohibited titles on prison bookshelves, concerned parents and parties have made some interesting challenges to books over the years.

"Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak is one of the many fascinating additions to the banned book list, which is expanding to include books that have been challenged, but not banned, in schools and public libraries. Sendak's classic children's work was banned in schools because some people felt the story's dark and occult-like nature was unsuited to the age group. Max's journey to the land where the wild things are was considered too frightening for the young minds the story is meant for. This idea and the later banning of the book were encouraged by an article written for Ladies' Home Journal by Bruno Bettelheim, a well-known child psychologist, saying exactly that.

"What (Sendak) failed to understand is the incredible fear it evokes in the child to be sent to bed without supper, and this by the first and foremost giver of food and security — his mother," Bettelheim said.

Though it has been banned in many libraries over the years and has made it onto the list of the most banned books from 2000 to 2009, it was most heavily banned in the South.

Another children's series that has made its way onto banned book lists is Barbara Park's "Junie B. Jones" series. These books chronicle the life of Junie B. Jones as she explores and creates solutions to common childhood problems, such as riding the



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UWire

school bus, swearing and the birth of a younger sibling. The books were banned by some libraries because Junie B. doesn't speak properly, and parents were concerned about their children's potential to develop behavioral problems as a result.

The possibility of bad behavior and grammar are odd reasons to want to ban a book. The middle and high school reading curriculum classic, "To Kill a Mockingbird," by Harper Lee, has recently been challenged for possibly the vaguest reason yet.

"There is some language in the book that makes people uncomfortable," said Kenny Holloway, the vice president of the Biloxi School Board in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Lee's work has been consistently challenged and banned across the nation since 1966 for a variety of reasons, giving it the 21st spot on the most banned or challenged books list between 2000 and 2009.

Concerned parties across the U.S. are banning books for more than dark themes and incorrect grammar. The Utah State Prison recently banned Robert Greene's "The 48 Laws of Power" and "The Art of Seduction." Both of these works contain themes such as power, seduction and war, which Greene centers many of his works around. Though these themes drive many social, political or economic interactions, officials at the Utah correctional facility feared the books would teach inmates the art of manipulation. The Salt Lake Tribune stated the books were banned as a security measure by an official who is no longer working for the prison.

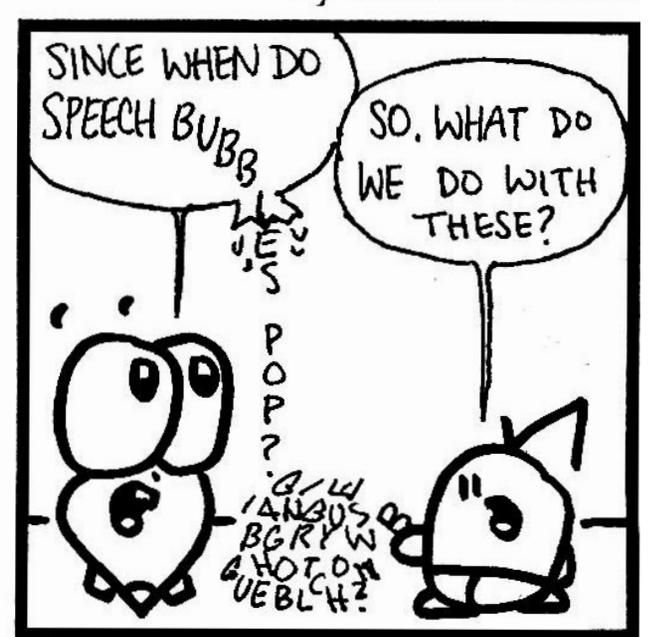
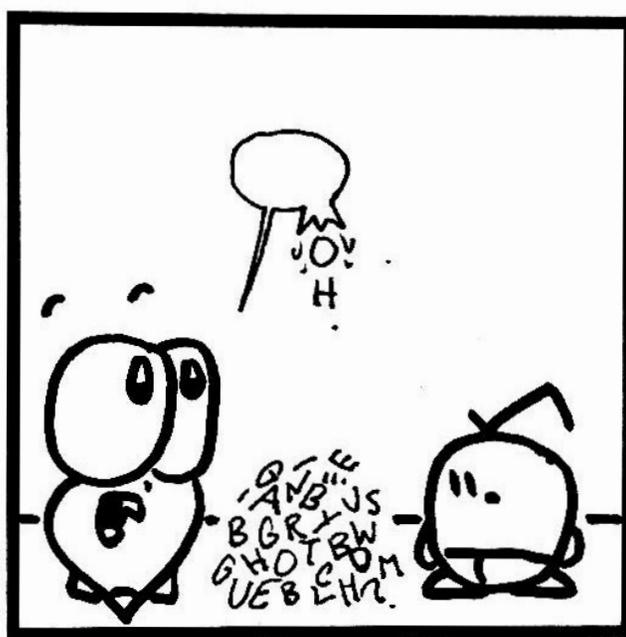
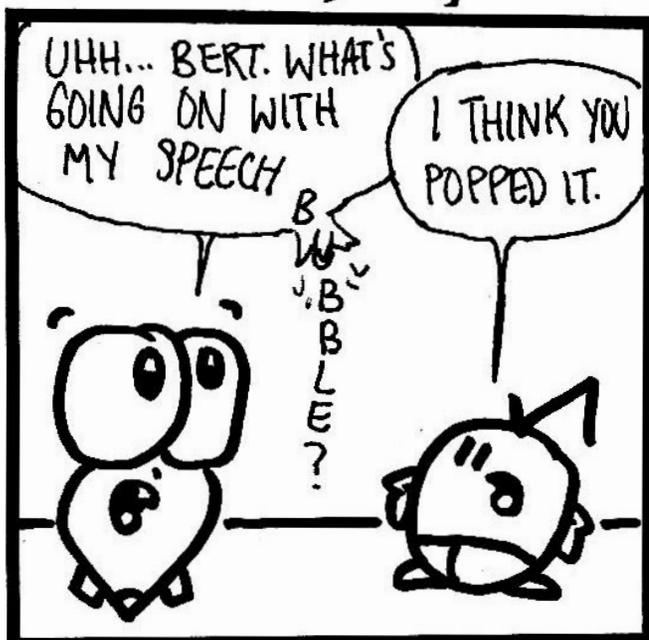
Sometimes censorship can come as a surprise, and these shocking books are just a few of the many books challenged in the U.S. every year.

Take a look back to a childhood favorite now deemed inappropriate and learn something from a book banned in your local prison — think about how reading is a necessary part of our world today.

*A version of this column by Jaycen Eggleston originally ran in the Daily Utah Chronicle.*

# Lifeless Joey

By Michael Smith



# Local artists, bands belt it out at The Swamp karaoke



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James Hudleston, a 42-year-old Gainesville local, performs the song "Under the Bridge" at The Swamp Restaurant's live karaoke event, "Swamp Idol." Hudleston's band, "Subliminal Pepper," will perform at the same venue on April 7.



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Kendel Paller, of the Gainesville-based band Friday Avenue, performs a live karaoke set at The Swamp Restaurant on Wednesday evening as part of their weekly "Swamp Idol" event.

## Along with longer wait times, center struggles with limited space

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we are currently," Altamirano said.

Altamirano said the center will request more funds again next year in hopes the committee will choose to raise the student health fee, he said.

"I'm confident that we'll get that supported, I think it's just a matter of when that money's available," he said.

Currently, the center's five learning specialists, who meet with students to manage their needs, juggle about 600 students each, he said. This means longer wait times to see specialists and more interaction over email rather than face-to-face.

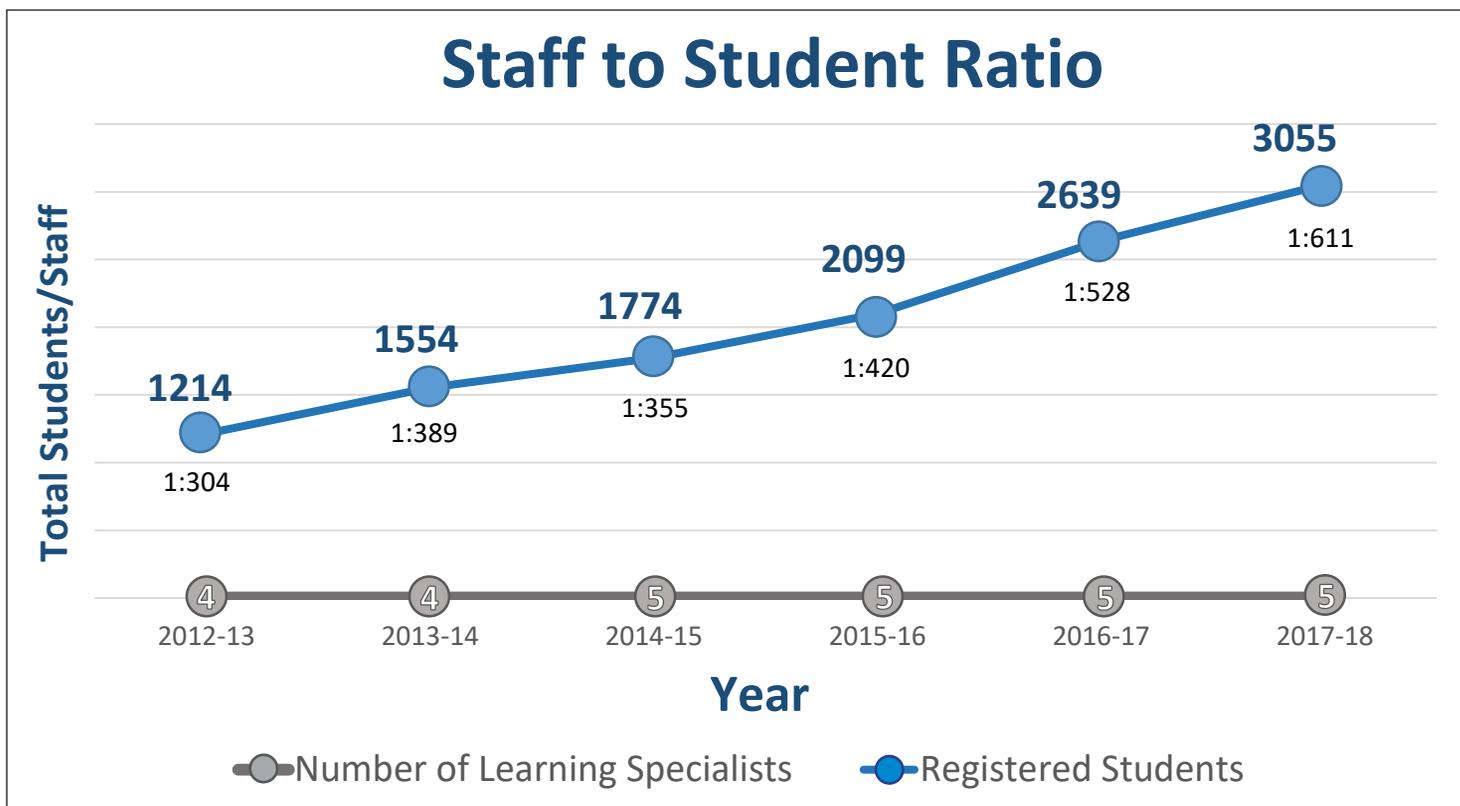
To combat the limited number of learning specialists, the DRC has brought on five interns to lead support groups for students. It gives students another resource to turn to if the waiting period for their preferred learning specialist is too long, Altamirano said.

Bradley Minotti, a UF psychology sophomore, said sometimes he'll wait two to three weeks to see his specialist. Despite the backlog, his learning specialist has taken the time to build a personal relationship with him, he said.

A few weeks ago, Minotti, who uses a wheelchair, found himself unable to go to class because an elevator in Keene-Flint Hall was broken. His specialist was able to address his issue immediately and had the elevator fixed.

"I think a lot of people don't understand all the support services that the DRC provides to people and how many people actually need them," the 20-year-old said.

Marti Stein believes the center needs to hire another specialist as they grow. She said because UF puts emphasis on being a welcoming and inclusive environment, it should be willing to invest more money in the DRC.



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Currently, the center's five learning specialists, who meet with students to manage their needs, juggle about 600 students each. This means longer wait times to see specialists and more interaction over email rather than face-to-face.

While the center's staff does the best they can with the resources they have, Stein fears it won't be enough if more students register.

"They're not functioning all the time at their highest capacity because they just can't," she said. "As more students get registered, they're not equipped to handle all the students."

Along with longer wait times, the center's space is packed with students who need to take exams with special accommodations. As

of now, more than 11,000 students take exams in the center, which means students may find testing rooms becoming more crowded, he said.

Limited physical space is one of the most noticeable problems facing the DRC, Stein said. Students spill out of the study space when popular classes have an exam. She worries soon there won't be enough space to fit all the students who need it.

"You can tell during a huge exam that

they're swamped in there," she said.

Stein hopes the center gets more funding so all students can use the resources that have helped her over the past three years.

"It's leveling the playing field and giving you an opportunity that you otherwise wouldn't have," she said. "Not having enough money to expand the DRC as a whole ... is a huge hindrance."

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# Stadium will provide better fan experience, face away from sun

## CITRUS, from pg. 1

2020, and it will address the current stadium's concerns with shading, UF Athletic Director Scott Stricklin said in the meeting. Its home plate will face northeast, away from the shining sun in the afternoon, and a 360-degree pathway around the stadium will provide a more engaging fan experience, Stricklin said.

Kevin Heinicka, the director of IFAS Facilities Planning and Operations, helped negotiate the land transfer with UAA and said funding will also go toward renovating office spaces and educational research facilities off Hull Road, across from Fifield Hall.

"It will offer an enhanced research and teaching experience for students," Heinicka said.

Heinicka said the teaching orchard is the last on-campus space for farming, aside from greenhouses, so preserving it for horticulture students is

a top priority. He said the aim was to keep the trees on campus instead of moving them to Citra, Florida, where other citrus research is already taking place.

"You can't relocate the students 30 minutes away to effectively teach a class," he said.

The pale white office buildings, some of which are more than 50 years old, will be renovated to be more visually appealing and professional-looking, Heinicka said.

Thomas Fraleigh, a UF plant science and political science senior, said although research is being set back, upgrading older-looking buildings and improving technology will be better for the program in the long run.

"In some ways it's a part of campus people forget about," the 21-year-old said. "Overall, the benefits might help to revitalize the area."

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José Chaparro, an associate horticultural sciences professor who's been breeding fruit varieties at UF since 2004, checks on a citrus plant variety bred with genes to make it more freeze-resistant.



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# Gainesville commissioners gather for 'Rick's Recession' protest tour



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City Commissioner David Arreola speaks outside of the closed Gainesville Job Corps Center on Wednesday for the Gainesville stop of the "Rick's Recession" tour.

**By Jessica Curbelo**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

City Commissioner David Arreola remembers sitting at his college graduation ceremony surrounded by his schoolmates. They were all worried, wondering if the time and money they had put into their degrees would get them jobs after.

"Year after year," said 27-year-old Arreola, who graduated four years ago, "I watched my friends get their diplomas and walk off the other end of that stage, headfirst into a recession in this state."

Six people gathered outside the closed Gainesville Job Corps Center on Wednesday morning for the Gainesville stop in the "Rick's Recession" tour. The events seek to hold Gov. Rick Scott accountable for conditions in Florida following the 2007 recession. Arreola, the City of Gainesville District 3 commissioner, was one of the speakers alongside others including Alachua County Commissioner Ken Cornell.

The protest was organized by For Our Future, a progressive advocacy group that focuses on a number of issues that impact working families.

The "Rick's Recession" tour website was launched last November at the end of Florida's legislative session, Williams said.

James Ingle, the president of the Gainesville chapter of a labor union called the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, said some jobs have been created during Scott's terms as governor. However, those jobs have been low-wage, short-hour jobs that don't provide financial security, health insurance or other benefits.

"We need better jobs, not just more jobs," Ingle said.

# UF Innovate Hub holds open house

**By Davio Rodriguez**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

About 80 people walked into the UF Innovate lobby Wednesday, surrounded by sleek chrome light fixtures and stacked two-story-high windows.

UF Innovate, a business incubator located on the corner of Southwest Second Avenue and Southwest Seventh Terrace, held an open house for its new second wing, said UF Innovate Director Jim O'Connell. It's meant to promote the success of start-up companies and the students who work there and provide internships to students.

"We all know what we think when we hear 'student internships.' Unpaid," O'Connell said. "We think students should be paid for their work."

The wing opened Jan. 2, and its expansion doubled the Hub's size to a total of 100,000 square feet, according to Alli-

gator archives. Construction to expand the building began in November 2016 after available space ran out for companies in the first wing.

UF Innovate spokesperson Sara Dagen said the building was previously called "Innovation Hub," but it's been changed to "UF Innovate | The Hub."

The expansion was funded by an \$8 million grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration and an additional \$9 million from UF, according to Alligator archives.

Director of Incubation Services Mark S. Long said the facility has 34 companies currently working in the building and is looking to add four more.

John Harper, a 31-year-old UF College of Medicine senior, stood in the sun's glow through the lobby's array of windows.

"It's beautiful in here," Harper said. "They did a great job. It reminds me of a cathedral."

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03-30

**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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DOB 1/23/1992, 5'10"  
Brown Hair, Blue Eyes

**Wanted for:**  
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Driving While License  
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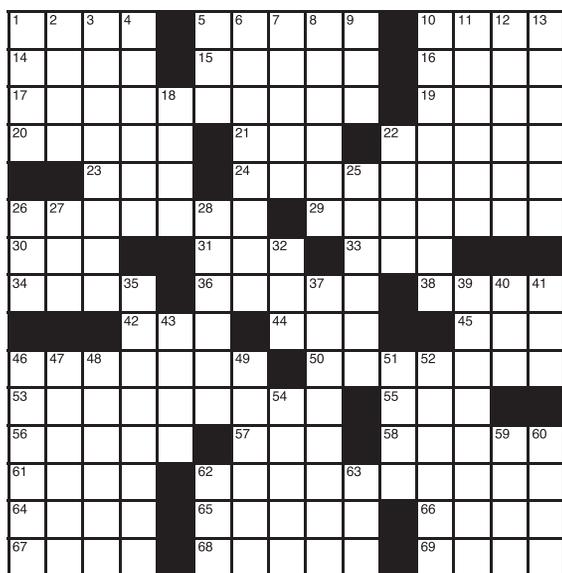
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Like "le" in Fr.
  - 5 Degrade
  - 10 There's no money in it
  - 14 Prefix with syllabic
  - 15 Starbucks offering
  - 16 Cap with a flat, circular top
  - 17 Religious text for a Texas senator?
  - 19 Flex ending
  - 20 Home of Amboseli National Park
  - 21 Pennant race mo.
  - 22 Tied accessory
  - 23 Cause of a sleeve movement
  - 24 Pet for a Spanish surrealist?
  - 26 More uneven
  - 29 Puts in a vault, in a way
  - 30 Dos Passos trilogy
  - 31 Mild rebuke
  - 33 With 44-Across, Hanna-Barbera feline
  - 34 Cravings
  - 36 Sidekick
  - 38 Glimpse
  - 42 Not a good start?
  - 44 See 33-Across
  - 45 Shade
  - 46 Michigan neighbor
  - 50 Baptized boys, often
  - 53 Underage child of a German chancellor?
  - 55 Milk source
  - 56 Whac-\_\_
  - 57 Heating stat
  - 58 Finnish architect
  - Alvar \_\_
  - 61 Look closely (over)
  - 62 Household help for a 19th-century president?
  - 64 Bank offerings
  - 65 Resort WSW of Denver
  - 66 \_\_ coffee
  - 67 Titillating message
- DOWN**
- 1 Sham
  - 2 Israeli port
  - 3 Nonspeaking movie role
  - 4 Ingratiate oneself
  - 5 "When We Were Kings" subject
  - 6 It takes a beating
  - 7 Befuddled
  - 8 Basic
  - 9 Sushi selection
  - 10 65-Across feature
  - 11 Interoffice connection
  - 12 Poise
  - 13 Madonna portrayals
  - 18 Crêche trio
  - 22 Glee club member
  - 25 Completely
  - 26 Accept
  - 27 Consumption
  - 28 List ender
  - 32 Idiosyncratic contraction
  - 35 Of least significance
  - 37 They squelch discussions
  - 39 It goes over the tongue
  - 40 "Piano is not my forte," e.g.
  - 41 With 51-Down, sometimes-sighed line
  - 43 French weapon
  - 46 Congo natives
  - 47 "That's enough already!"
  - 48 Middle section of an insect
  - 49 Hoping to get home
  - 51 See 41-Down
  - 52 Religious ascetics
  - 54 Common blood group
  - 59 Connections (to)
  - 60 Chances
  - 62 Identify on Facebook
  - 63 Unified

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

SENSE SHIP ABMS  
ADIEU CAFETERIA  
VICARIOUS THRILL  
EEKS NOLO AISLE  
NOBUT STAKES  
OMANIS GMAIL  
LAMAZECLASSPSA  
DUEL AOL RUESS  
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03/30/18



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C <sub>3</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>4</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	G <sub>2</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	RACK 1 =	<b>89</b>
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## 16 Health Services

### HIV ANTIBODY TESTING

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### Need CPR Training?

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CNA Prep Classes from GatorCNA.com  
7-3-17-108-16

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4-25-20-20

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## 18 Personals

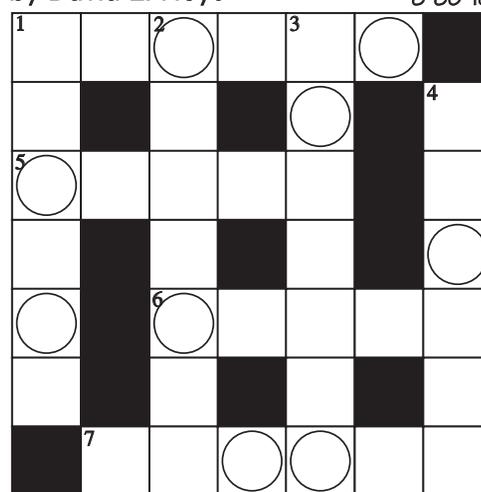
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## JUMBLE CROSSWORDS™

by David L. Hoyt

3-30-18



### ACROSS

- CLUE**
- 1. Chaotic situation
  - 5. Type of painting
  - 6. Void
  - 7. \_\_\_ of Hormuz

**ANSWER**

MEDABL  
ARMLU  
NULAN  
ITTASR

### DOWN

- CLUE**
- 1. Bewilder
  - 2. \_\_\_ volcano
  - 3. \_\_\_ Hawks
  - 4. Type of feline

**ANSWER**

MESBEU  
RMDTNAO  
ANTALAT  
OTCOEL

**CLUE:** This is home to more than 1,200 bridges.

**BONUS** ○○○○○○○○○○○

**How to play** Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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## 22 Tickets

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## 23 Rides

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## 24 Pets

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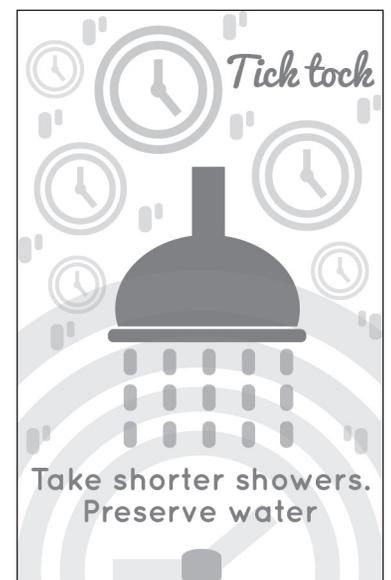
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## 25 Lost & Found

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### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

4	7	9	2	3	1	5	6	8
3	1	5	9	6	8	2	4	7
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## BASEBALL

# UF's offense cools, India heats up ahead of Vandy series

By **Ethan Bauer**  
Sports Writer

It wasn't long ago that Florida's offense was smacking hits and spitting homers at the same rate you'd see in an MLB video game. It wasn't long ago that five Gators were hitting over .300. It wasn't long ago that UF's entire offense was feared as a national menace.

But as the season has worn on, most players have regressed to the mean.

Most, except for one.

Third baseman Jonathan India, rather than lulling his foot off the gas, has accelerated. The junior is hitting .430 and — if he continues his torrid pace — could break Florida's single-season batting average record.

He's not ready to talk about those kinds of achievements just yet, but with No. 8 Vanderbilt (17-8, 5-1 SEC) arriving in Gainesville for a three-game series starting tonight at 6:30, he's feeling confident.

"I'm just fully committed to it now," he said, "and I feel like I wasn't fully committed in past years."

That isn't to say India played poorly in his first two seasons at Florida. He hit .303 as a freshman and .274 as a sophomore, with a combined 74 RBIs over that span. But he agrees that something is different this year.

That, as he said, starts with being fully committed. His newfound willingness to go the other way helps as well.

India, a righty, has made a habit recently of striking balls to the opposite field. Against Arkansas, for example, he hit a triple that reached the right-center field wall.

"I'm committed to the right side now, and I feel like in past years I really wasn't," he said. "If you have the ability to trust yourself and go the other way, you can be a dangerous hitter."

Noticing a theme here?

He said he wasn't committed in the past, neither to being a great hitter nor going the other way. Now he's all in, and it shows.

In addition to his average, which leads the team by .122 and the SEC by .017, India is second among Florida's hitters in RBIs (22) and home runs (nine). And outfielder Wil Dalton, one of only two other UF players hitting over .300, leads those categories by just one tally each.

India wasn't having a breakout campaign when the season started, at least not in comparison to his teammates. Nelson Maldonado, JJ Schwarz, Blake Reese and Nick Horvath were all hitting over .300 until

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Gators third baseman Jonathan India is on pace to break Florida's single-season batting average record, hitting .430 through 25 games this year.

## FOOTBALL

# 'From the class to the grass:' Florida QB impresses coaches

By **Benjamin Brandt**  
Sports Writer

He did it last season in front of almost 90,000 fans, sending Ben Hill Griffin Stadium into a frenzy as he hurled a game-winning 63-yard touchdown to beat Tennessee.

And after just a handful of practices this spring, Florida quarterback Feleipe Franks did it again.

"He made a throw, and I remember I just looked over at (head coach Dan Mullen)," quarterbacks coach Brian Johnson said earlier this week. "We kind of both just looked at each other and shook our heads."

It was the first week of spring practices, and Franks found himself in a situa-

tion where he needed to scramble across the field before throwing to an open receiver. Johnson said the pass reminded him of Franks' game-winning bomb to Tyrie Cleveland that elevated the Gators over the Volunteers last fall.

Franks' arm strength has never been a concern. His new coaching staff has complete faith in his ability to throw downfield. But his decision-making while under pressure was an issue in 2017. Head-scratching interceptions and poor game management from Franks played a large role in last season's inconsistency at the starting quarterback position.

Neither Johnson nor Mullen have given any indication who they plan to start

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# I feel a lot of sympathy for John Egbunu

**M**issing 44 consecutive games due to injury had to be tough for Florida center John Egbunu.

But for them be the final 44 games of his collegiate basketball career? Now that's brutal.

The 6-foot-11, 265-pound center tore his ACL on Feb. 14, 2017, in a 19-point victory over Auburn two seasons ago. It forced him to miss the remaining 10 contests of his red-shirt junior campaign. He then missed every second of what would have been his red-shirt senior year in 2017-18.

It reminded me of the time I hurt my own knee two summers ago.

I was involved in a knee-to-knee collision with an opponent — whose name, out of pure coincidence, happened to be Michael Jordan — during a game of pickup



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basketball.

I half-walked, half-dragged my right leg off the court, hoping some ice and rest would have me up and at 'em soon. I mean, when this had happened to me before, the soreness only lasted for a few days.

However, in this particular instance, it stuck around for an entire month.

I hated it.

I limped around everywhere, unable to hoop at the local park I frequented. I was as frustrated mentally as I was physically.

But when Egbunu announced earlier this week that he isn't going to petition for a sixth year of NCAA eligibility and will instead pursue a pro career, I was hit with some fresh perspective.

I had it so easy with that mere month of

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Freshman **Katie Kubicz** and the Florida women's tennis team defeated Arkansas 4-1 on Thursday at the Ring Tennis Complex.

## Opening Day Roundup

Twenty-six MLB teams kicked off their 2018 campaigns on Thursday. The highlights of the day included a three-home run performance from White Sox designated hitter **Matt Davidson**, a two-home run day from Yankees designated hitter **Giancarlo Stanton** and a walkoff home run from Orioles center fielder **Adam Jones**.

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# MAY'S DAY: UF lacrosse player overcomes pair of injuries

By Tyler Nettuno  
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Caroline May felt devastated as she lay on the ground.

Just minutes earlier, the sophomore was running through drills at practice at Donald R. Dizney Stadium trying to catch the attention of Florida lacrosse coach Amanda O'Leary.

It was just a routine play.

Caroline had scooped up a ground ball and tried to pivot. She immediately felt a twinge in her knee. The same knee that she suffered a major injury to five years prior.

She knew what had happened right away.

"It was a lot of emotions flooding back," she said.

A torn meniscus.

Just like that, all the promise she had shown in practice and all the strides she had made became moot. Her 2017 season was over.

There was no contact on the play, just awful luck.

After all, she hadn't played much during her freshman season with the Gators, appearing in only seven games.

But Caroline had already seen the field five times as a sophomore, and she was finally starting to feel like she belonged.

Given how advanced sports medicine has become, most players can make a full recovery from such an injury, especially if it's their first.

It was not Caroline's first.

Between her freshman and sophomore years of high school, Caroline suffered a torn ACL, MCL and avulsion fracture of her tibia.

Now, after her second serious injury to the same knee, her lacrosse career was in jeopardy.

"She had to come to grips with the fact that maybe her playing days were over," her father, Chris May, said.

For a time, Caroline didn't know if she would ever take the field again in a Gators uniform. Her dream appeared to be dead in the water.

But after months of uncertainty regarding her health, her future as a lacrosse player and her role on the team, Caroline is finally making the impact that she always wanted to in 2018. After starting the last two games for Florida, she appears poised to start once again as the team takes on UConn tomorrow at noon in Gainesville.

But her future didn't always appear so bright.

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Florida was always Caroline's top choice as a recruit.

Though the Sparks, Maryland, native had looked at — and even visited — several other schools like Maryland and Big East rival Vanderbilt, she knew she wanted to be a Gator.

It helped that her cousin, Kayla Stolins, was a member of the program's inaugural recruiting class in 2009.

Stolins didn't push Caroline, but the fact she had nothing but positive things to say about O'Leary and the University of Florida certainly made a difference.

"I wanted her to find somewhere she'd love," Stolins said. "But I knew she'd love Florida."

Though Caroline preferred playing as a defender, she made a name for herself playing midfield in high school. She stepped into that role due to a lack of offense on the Hereford High Bulls.

"She'll play any position, as long as she gets to play," her mother, Lauren Faby, said.

She quickly became the leading scorer for her high school team. Meanwhile, she played attacker, midfielder and defender for her club team.

Her do-whatever-it-takes attitude caught the attention of Florida's coaching staff. While O'Leary praised her lacrosse IQ, that wasn't the thing she loved the most about Caroline.

"She always had a smile on her face,"

O'Leary said. "Fun to be around, fun to talk to."

However, O'Leary would have to take quite a gamble on Caroline. Although her work ethic and passion for the game were undeniable, she still wasn't 100 percent healthy. Fears over a recurring injury loomed, even though she expected to make a full recovery.

But in Caroline and her electric personality, O'Leary saw a player who loved and knew the game and would be willing to take over any role — whether it be attack, midfield or defense — to help her team.

O'Leary and her staff made Caroline a priority, and any doubts she might have had about UF were assuaged when she formally visited for the first time.

"I got invited down here and fell in love with it," she said.

It didn't take her long to realize Florida was the place for her. Within an hour of arriving on campus, she told her mother that she couldn't imagine playing anywhere else.

Though still recovering from her first knee injury, Caroline committed to play college lacrosse for the Gators.

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After arriving on campus in the summer of 2015, Caroline quickly realized just how competitive of an environment Florida's lacrosse team was. She knew she was joining a championship contender, but she was surprised how tough it was to earn a spot.

Her freshman year, her only opportunities came late during blowouts while a running clock was in effect.

She was frustrated. She wanted to play.

Ever the optimist, Caroline refused to accept her role as a bench player her sophomore year.

She believed that she had improved enough to see more than garbage time.

But she didn't get the chance to show it in a high-stakes environment. After appearing in five games without making any significant contributions, the aforementioned knee injury at practice in late March derailed her season and, potentially, her career.

Lacrosse had been her passion for most of her life, and she had dreamt of playing at the collegiate level for years.

Now, that dream was on the brink.

"To get this far and have it taken away from you would be devastating," her father said.

Perhaps the hardest part of accepting that she may not play lacrosse again was the fact that she had yet to prove herself on the field. After all, she hadn't played many meaningful minutes for the Gators. Playing in games that were already decided didn't give her the opportunity to showcase her skills.

"She hadn't gotten a chance to show what she can do," Faby said.

Caroline knew that she wasn't going to let the injury end her career. She was too resilient to let that be the final chapter in her lacrosse career.

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Rehabbing from a knee injury isn't for the faint of heart.

Caroline knew she was facing months of physical therapy before she'd be back in playing shape. And even then, she'd be non-contact in practices, severely limiting her ability to compete with the rest of the team.

On top of that, Florida had a stable of talented and experienced midfielders returning in 2018, so the path to the field was difficult.

But Caroline remained undeterred.

She spent the summer working, trying to get healthy before the fall so that she could make a statement during preseason practice.

Even though she overcame her injury, and the fears of it being career ending turned out to be false, her situation hadn't changed. Florida simply had too many midfielders.

The thing is, midfield was never Caroline's natural position. She always loved playing on



Courtesy of UAA Communications

Florida lacrosse player Caroline May struggled to earn playing time in her first two years with the Gators. But after a torn meniscus put her career in jeopardy, she has bounced back to earn a starting role in 2018.

defense.

While many players love the offensive side, dreaming of scoring game-winning goals, Caroline never felt that way.

"(Defense) is more exciting to me when you do something well," she said.

She was in luck, because two of Florida's starting defenders, Taylor Bresnahan and Caroline Fitzgerald, had graduated.

The Gators had an immediate need for defensive role players coming off the bench, and Caroline saw an opportunity to get on the field with regularity.

So, she made the switch to defense.

"She would adapt to whatever we threw at her," O'Leary said. "Whatever the team needed, she was willing to do."

Playing in her natural position, as well as finally being healthy, paid dividends for Caroline. Her improvement and drive wowed Florida's coaches during the offseason.

"She's given us a reason to put her out there," O'Leary said.

Caroline's hard work was finally paying off. As the season opener for 2018 neared, she fit into the game plan as a key reliever.

As she had learned the hard way a year before, injuries are unpredictable and often times unavoidable.

And just six games into the schedule, senior defender Aniya Flanagan, often considered the anchor of the Florida defense, went down with an injury. Flanagan missed the following two games, a matchup with Navy on March 13 and a contest with Vanderbilt on March 18.

For the second game of that stretch, Caroline cracked the starting lineup for the first

time of her collegiate career, scooping up three ground balls and causing three turnovers in an 11-10 win over the Commodores.

Flanagan returned three days later in the Gators' next game against Towson, but Caroline had played too well to be relegated to the bench. Even with a healthy Flanagan back in the lineup, O'Leary chose to keep Caroline a starter.

"She couldn't be happier," her father said. "This is what she's been waiting for. Being a part of a championship team."

After everything she has been through — rehabilitating after two knee injuries, accepting that her lacrosse career might be over and switching positions — Caroline is finally living out her dream. She's not just on a college lacrosse team. She's actually contributing to the success of a top-10 program.

And she's enjoying every second, not taking a moment of it for granted because she knows all too well how quickly it can all be taken away.

"I take every day as a blessing," she said.

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## Caroline May

Position: Defender

Class: Junior

Hometown: Sparks, Maryland



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Quarterback Feleipe Franks has been working with Florida's first-team offense throughout spring practices.

## Feleipe Franks battling to retain job as starting QB

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under center come September. But a lot of attention surrounds the 6-foot-5 redshirt sophomore who started eight of 11 games last year. Franks ended the season with 1,438 passing yards, nine touchdowns and eight interceptions. He is the only quarterback on UF's roster with game experience at the collegiate level.

So far this spring, Franks has dedicated himself to learning about his game on the field with his time off the field, and he has impressed his coaches in doing so.

"He has come in and studied," Johnson said. "He has done a good job of coming in and taking it from the class to the grass."

In last weekend's open scrimmage, however, Franks reminded fans and me-

dia in attendance that no amount of film can prevent occasional slip-ups after he threw an interception straight to the hands of starting cornerback Marco Wilson.

"That's what practice is for," Johnson said. "We're firm believers that experience is life's best teacher."

Johnson will continue to give Franks opportunities to learn. Whether he's on the line of scrimmage or in the meeting rooms, Franks is expected to perform at a high level.

"We give (Franks) a lot of responsibility," Johnson said. "He has got to come in and put the work in."

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recovery.

"You know, I've had my knee drained like probably five times," Egbunu said on March 2. "I've had cortisone shots put in my knees. I just had a procedure done the other day. I had to get a second opinion on it, because we're not really getting anywhere."

That sounds horrible.

All of that, and he still didn't get to play.

I can't imagine the frustration of sitting out that long, dealing with the pain and setbacks of the recovery process, unable to step on the court while watching my teammates

pick up the slack I once held myself.

Egbunu isn't the only Florida athlete who recently missed the final year of his collegiate career due to injury either.

Former Gators safety Marcell Harris suffered a torn Achilles tendon in July, just one season after he led UF's football team with 73 tackles.

He missed all 11 games of 2017 in what would have been his redshirt senior campaign. Now, like Egbunu, he's got his eyes set on the professional ranks.

While it was difficult for Harris to sit out and recover from his season-ending Achilles tear, he said he tried to keep a positive mindset.

"You can't really look back," Harris said at Florida's pro day on Wednesday. "Maybe me sitting out was probably for the best of things. You never know."

In the midst of uncertainty regarding his physical health and professional career, Harris found a way to look on the brightside.

He, Egbunu and all athletes who have suffered major, career-altering injuries deserve credit for sticking to the arduous path of reclaiming the player they once were.

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## India hitting team-high .571 in SEC play this year

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recently.

The offense overall has lagged a bit in SEC play, hitting .250 compared to its season-long average of .287. Among the list of aforementioned players, Dalton is leading the group with a .240 average in conference play.

India is hitting .571.

Allen Trammell currently holds Florida's single-season batting average record. He hit .425 in 1965. India is on pace to break that, as well as to become the ninth Gators player ever to

hit over .400.

So what does he think of those unusual numbers?

"I don't think of it like that," he said. "I'm just happy we're winning and that I'm producing for the team."

Florida (22-5, 4-2 SEC) will need him against Vanderbilt, the third top-10 team in a row the Gators have faced.

"They're a great team," India said of the Commodores, "so it's gonna be a fun one this weekend. I'm excited."

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